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- 1. DURING HIS RETURN COURTESY CALL APRIL 18, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEERED A GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC PROGNOSIS FOR THE PROGRESS OF DETENTE IN EUROPE AND THEN ASKED ME FOR MY ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE OF U. S. RELATIONS WITH POLAND AND EASTERN EUROPE GENERALLY. I CONCURRED IN GENERAL TERMS WITH THE VIEWS HE HAD EXPRESSED, BUT ADDED THAT THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF A REAL CEASEFIRE IN VIETNAM WAS DISTURBING.
- 2. PILOTOVICH THEN SAID HE WAS AWARE OF OUR CONCERN IN THIS REGARD AND ALSO OF "CERTAIN DEMARCHES" WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO THE POLES IN WASHINGTON AND WARSAW. IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TERMS, HE REPEATED A NUMBER OF THE POINTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO ME BY TREPCZYNSKI ON APRIL 14, STRESSING THE CONTENTION THAT WE COULD NOT EXPECT THE ICCS TO BE A POLICE FORCE. I TOLD HIM THAT NO ONE HAD EVER HAD SUCH AN EXPECTATION, BUT RATHER THAT WE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD EXPECTED THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS TO COOPERATE IN MAKING INVESTIGATIONS WHEN COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS WERE RECEIVED. I POINTED TO WHAT WE CONSIDERED A ONE- SIDEDLY POSITIVE APPROACH BY THESE DELEGATIONS TO COMPLAINTS FROM THE PRG SIDE, WHILE MANY OF THOSE FROM THE GVN SIDE WERE AVOIDED OR NEGLECTED.

- 3. PILOTOVICH THEN SAID THAT THERE WERE SO MANY GVN COMPLAINTS, AND SO FEW FROM THE PRG. IN FACT, THERE WERE "THOUSANDS" OF GVN VIOLATIONS, AS SAIGON, USING "ITS OVERWHELMING FORCE AND THE ARMAMENTS YOU HAD LEFT BEHIND", SOUGHT TO SECURE ALL THE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS AND SIGNIFICANT TOWNS AND VILLAGES, BUT THAT THE PRG LACKED THE TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATIVE CADRES NECESSARY TO FILE THE REQUISITE PAPERS AND TO INVOKE THE SAFEGUARDS PROVIDED IN THE PEACE AGREEMENTS. I SAID THAT, IF THIS WERE THE CASE, IT WAS VERY MUCH OUT OF CHARACTER WITH EVERYTHING I HAD READ AND HEARD ABOUT THE CAPABILITIES OF THE PRG/ DRV IN THIS FIELD. PILOTOVICH THEN FELL BACK A BIT, SAYING THAT THERE WERE ALSO DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE PRG, WHICH WAS NOT ALWAYS ABLE IN A GIVEN SITUATION TO REACH AGREEMENT, "SINCE, AFTER ALL, THEY ARE NOT ALL COMMUNISTS".
- 4. I SAID THAT, BE THIS AS IT MAY, THE ICCS HAD AN OBLIGATION TO INVESTIGATE ALL COMPLAINTS EVENHANDEDLY AND OBJECTIVELY, AND THAT WAS THE POINT WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT FOR THE POLISH AUTHORITIES TO UNDERSTAND. DAVIES

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